



David Boatwright

November 8, 1939 - November 23, 2013

Myrtle Beach...David Earl Dismas Boatwright passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a long illness on November 23, 2013. He was born at Ariel Crossroads in Rains, SC and grew up in Britton's Neck, SC.

David graduated from Myrtle Beach High School in 1957. He attended Flora Macdonald Conservatory of Music in Red Springs, NC. He was a member of the USAF Band while stationed in Keflavik, Iceland where he met his wife, Thorunn.

After his military experience he worked for the JC Penney for 32 years working his way up to the corporate headquarters and managing his own store. Throughout his life he played the organ for churches in Iceland and the USA. After retiring, he played for St. Edwards Catholic Church in Stafford Springs, CT and later for St. James Catholic Church in Conway, SC. He was pre-deceased by his wife Thorunn (Tota) Boatwright, mother and father, Virginia Bass Boatwright and Percy L. Boatwright.

Surviving are: his four children, Helen (Brad) Kuszmaul, Jonina (Jon) Chamberlain, Sigrun Boatwright (Halldor Haraldsson) and David Johann (Lenna) Boatwright; his grandchildren, Zachary, Connor, Dillon, Lucas, Erynn, Owen and Daniel; his brother Carroll Stanley Boatwright, his sisters Linda Boatwright Johnson, Vikki Boatwright Cox, Deana Boatwright Brown and two special friends Linda Rogers and Robert Cribb.

David's hobby was his family genealogy and he wrote a book detailing his family history dating back to the 1600s. He was a talented musician, loving father and brother who befriended everyone he met.

The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 30th at the Catholic Church of St. James in Conway, SC. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Father John Silver, Father 'Rick LaBrecque, and Father Tim LiJewski concelebrating. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Internment will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Old Neck Cemetery, Britton's Neck, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to one of the following: The Catholic Charities of South Carolina, 537 S. Carolina 90, Conway, SC 29526, The American Heart Association, The American Cancer Society or donation of blood to your local blood bank.

Guest book available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526
<http://www.stjamesconway.org/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - December 12, 2013 at 03:38 PM

BD

“ The last time I saw Mr. Boatwright was a few years ago. Jonina and I went to lunch and a movie with my mom and Mr. B. I sat next to him during the movie, and he couldn't stop himself from making funny little jokes and comments, giggling during the serious parts, and cracking me up the entire time. I smile when I think about him (although I'm tearing up now).

Jonina, Helen, Sigrun, Jonni and family- my deepest sympathy. He was a good, kind and loving man who found laughter every day. I'll miss him.

Becky Deyrup - November 29, 2013 at 01:12 PM

DW

“ For the "other" David in the family. I send my deepest condolences to all his family. He was a loved member of the Kirkjuhvoll family and will be much missed. I will remember his humour and smile.although we did not know each other well, as we lived on a different continent it was always fun when we met.
Helen, Jonina, Sigrun and Jonniy thoughts are with you and your families.
David B. Wells

David B. Wells - November 29, 2013 at 10:42 AM

GW

“ Gyda jonsdottir W. purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of David Boatwright.



Gyda jonsdottir W. - November 29, 2013 at 09:23 AM

TK

“ In loving memory of Mr. Boatwright. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Helen, Jonina, Sigrun, and Yonnie and their families. May you all find comfort in the loving memories you have all shared together as a family. Peace and blessing to all during this difficult time.

Love, Tracy

Tracy Kuhn - November 27, 2013 at 06:12 AM

SJ

He was my best brother in law

Sjöfn Jónsdóttir - November 27, 2013 at 03:21 PM

MB

“ I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Boatwright family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one David be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. Again, my sincere condolences.

MB - November 27, 2013 at 05:31 AM

 Cathy
N Owens

“ Know that God will be by your side to give you comfort during your time of grief. David now rest in the light of love & healing, no longer in pain for in Psalms 49:15 the Bible says God will redeem my soul from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. May God Bless each one of you.

James & Cathy Owens
Johnsonville

Cathy N Owens - November 27, 2013 at 05:00 AM

AK

“ Our hearts hurt for Helen, Jonina, Sigrun and David and their families as well as the extended families that we have not had the privilege of meeting. As the dad of our beloved daughter-in-law, Helen, it's difficult to put into words what David Boatwright has meant to our family. His generosity of spirit and loving nature have been instilled in his children, and there is no finer tribute to a parent. Our prayers go out to all of Dave's loved ones. While we didn't get to see him as often as we would have liked, we treasured the times that we spent with Dave and Tota. He will be missed.

Our love to all,
Allen & Pat Kuszmaul

Allen Kuszmaul - November 26, 2013 at 07:49 PM

RA

“ I have known Stanley, Geneva and their children for years, but only had the privilege of meeting David a few years ago following his tragic fall. I quickly fell in love with him. No matter the degree of pain he was in, he always had a smile on his face. Having the opportunity of getting to know Mr. David is an experience I will always cherish. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. God bless. Rachel and Johnny Allen

Rachel and Johnny Allen - November 26, 2013 at 03:43 PM

JB

“ Remembering a time when we were all young and your musical soul could get us singing and dancing (yes, at myrtle Beach) and being happy young kids. That soul filled with song is living on and will not die. Although now is a time of grieving your loss, may memories of love and happiness fill your friends and family more and more as time goes on. Make way for more of us, old soul.

The Soul that will not die
Joy Stalvey Barefoot

*The soul that will
not die
is spirit reborn.
Soul that will not die
is a seed exploding
from a withering shell.
Soul, living on,
that will not die
is Spirit reborn,
into God's space,
into his arms,
into his love,
is the Soul that
will not die.*

Joy Barefoot - November 26, 2013 at 11:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Boatwright.



November 26, 2013 at 09:50 AM

TH

“ *And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.*

We are all better for having known David.

My heart felt condolences to the family.

Toby

Toby S. Herman - November 26, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CP

“ *Mr. Boatwright (aka Jonina/Sig/Helen/Jonni's dad), i will always
remember your smiling face and will cherise memories we all had in
Robscott. Glad you chose that house on Havertown Road. You
brought us all dear friends.. You will be missed by all of us. Thoughts
& prayers to the whole family. Love Carol (Alderson) Poarch*

carol poarch - November 26, 2013 at 06:57 AM

AW

“ *Mr. Boatwright I will certainly miss your kind words and that great big smile from ear to ear. Even though you would not be feeling good when I would come by you would always make it a point for us to talk for a few minutes, and I cannot remember a time that I would leave without a smile on my face. I know you are in a better place God called one of his finest children home. I love you buddy. May God bless you and your family.*

Adam Wiseman - November 26, 2013 at 06:22 AM

VI

“ *RIP Dave. God will be there to receive you in heaven together with your beloved wife Tota.*

Psalm 48:14

"For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end."

Our prayers are with you and your family in this time of sadness. You will be surely missed.

Our heartfelt condolences.

Jakob Ólafsson, Violy, Kristín and Karen

Violeta - November 26, 2013 at 01:52 AM

WU

“ *RIP AIRMAN !!!*

Wayne Williams - USMC - November 25, 2013 at 07:46 PM

JP

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Jerry, Sheila, Sophia, Abby, and Isabella Pinkas*

Jerry Pinkas - November 25, 2013 at 04:05 PM